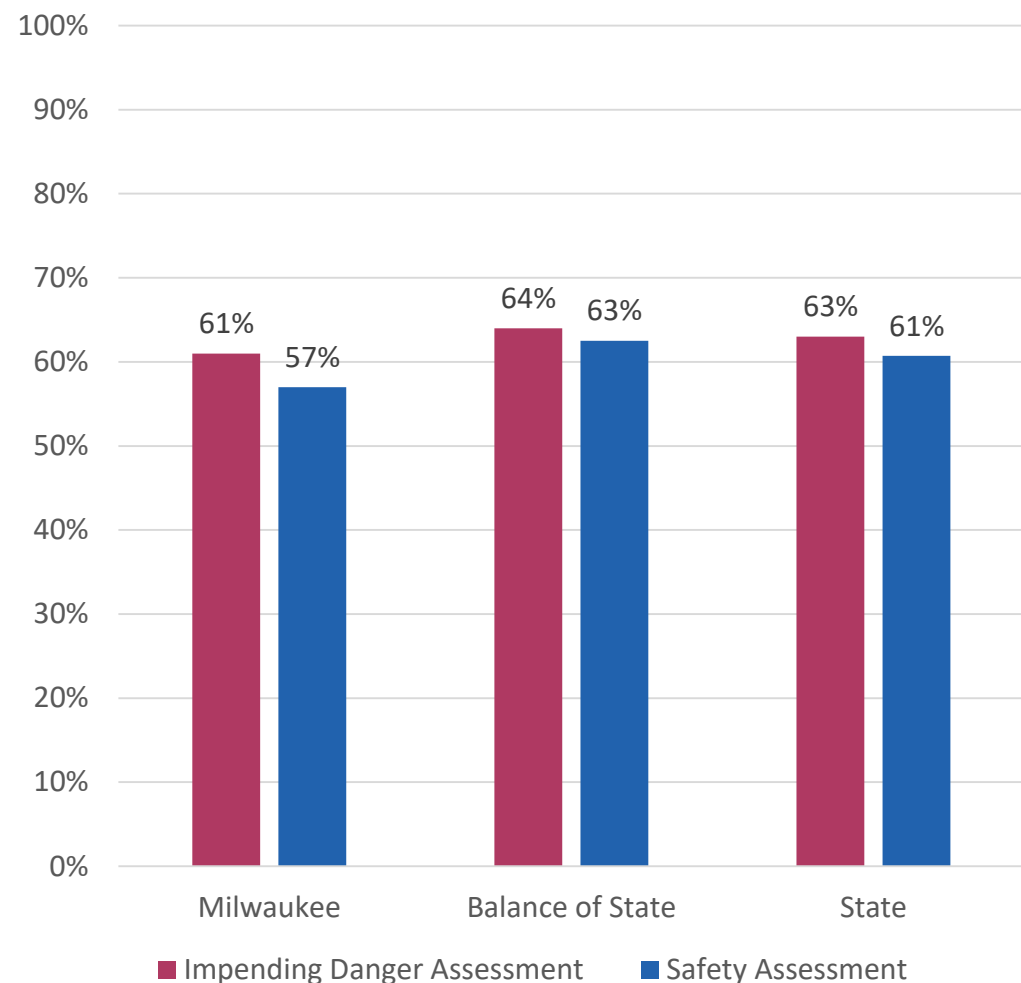


# Impending Danger and Safety Assessment

## 2019 Initial Assessment Case Review Results



**Summary of Impending Danger:** Statewide, 63% (189/300) of cases had an Impending Danger Assessment consistent with Standards. Cases with “Not Enough Information” were far more prevalent when it comes to assessing Impending Danger compared to Present Danger.

**Summary of Safety Assessment:** Statewide, 61% (182/300) of Safety Assessments were consistent with Standards. When comparing Milwaukee and Balance of State, the consistency of practice is similar at 57% and 63%, respectively.

### Impending Danger

One critical part of an Initial Assessment (IA) is to determine if there is an Impending Danger Threat (IDT). An IDT is a foreseeable state of danger in which family behaviors, attitudes, motives, emotions and/or situations pose a threat that may not be currently active but can be anticipated to have severe effects to one child at any time in the near future. When Impending Danger is identified the agency ensures safety through an in-home safety plan or placing a child in out-of-home care.

### Safety Assessment

At the conclusion of the IA, the agency must make a determination of whether child(ren) in home are safe or unsafe based on whether danger threat(s) exist within the family or there is a protective adult in the home to control for the safety threat(s).



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